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MEDIA

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Issued press release: Manhattan Beach, Calif., Student Honored with President's Environmental Youth Award. LND. Soledad Calvino.

- **Los Angeles News Group:** Reporter Sandy Mazza had a phone interview with Adrienne Priselac to talk about the PEYA Awards. She is also hoping to talk to the SoCal winner. I put her in touch with the winner's sponsor. CLOSED. LND. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

- **L.A. Parent:** Editor Christina Elston is interested in doing a little piece on the PEYA awards, but needs a picture of the SoCal winner. Trying to get a picture through the winner's sponsor and/or mother. OPEN. LND. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

- **Manhattan Beach Patch:** Manhattan Beach Boy Honored with President's Environmental Youth Award

- **AgNet West:** CA Students Honored

- **My News LA:** How did water-saving Manhattan Beach fifth-grader get presidential award?

AZ Republic: Reporter Catherine Reagor is working on the USA Today project on lead pipe issue. She is doing a story about required disclosures for home buyers if a house has lead pipes, and wants to know if EPA has any disclosure laws for lead pipes that pertain to real estate transactions. Coordinated response with program. CLOSED. WTR. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

KPFK (Pacifica Radio): Reporter Sandra Gallegos, in follow-up to earlier conversations, reached out to discuss possible water-related stories, for broadcast in English. She did not have a specific topic in mind, but mentioned contaminated ocean and/or river water as possibilities. Working with program to come up with topics. OPEN. WTR. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

National Geographic: Reached out to set up a background interview with Rebecca Sesny with David Albright and Mike Montgomery. Interview is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26th at 1pm. Producer is working on a 4 part documentary series on water issues. OPEN. WATER. (v.) Margot Perez-Sullivan/Soledad Calvino

Benito Link: Reporter John Chadwell is writing a follow-up article on the explosives emergency response in Hollister. Working with program to address his questions. SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

Hollister Free Lance: Reporter Katie Helland has follow-up questions about the explosives emergency response in Hollister (she had conducted an initial interview onsite last week). Working with program to address her questions. SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

NBC Bay Area (KNTV): Investigative producer Michael Bott had requested additional help in navigating the online SDWIS. Don Hodge spoke with him and reporter Stephen Stock on background; we will send additional information about the system in follow-up. WATER (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

NBC Bay Area (KNTV): Producer Liz Wagner would like to interview someone on-camera about PFOA and the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule within the next week. Sent request to HQ. WATER (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

Sea Change Radio: Executive Producer/Host Alex Wise had initially wanted to interview Meredith Kurpius for a story that would highlight “a day in the life at EPA.” I let him know that we would pass on that interview opportunity, but suggested that he let us know if there were specific topics or projects about which he would like to speak to a subject matter expert. AIR (v) CLOSED: Michele Huitric

Sent out press release for PEYA Northern CA winner: Nationally Recognized Student from Cupertino, Calif., Honored with President’s Environmental Youth Award

WEB

Social Media:

Water Division Job Openings – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page about the two job openings and linked to the [USA Jobs Announcements](#).

Earth Day/Food Waste – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page about our Earth Day focus on reducing food waste, and linked to our [Sustainable Management of Food](#) page.

Innovative Conservation Program Grants – At the request of our Water Division and the Office of Water, posted to our [Twitter](#) page about the grants to western states and linked to the [Be Water Wise](#) page of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund – At the request of our Water Division, posted to our [Twitter](#) page about the open RFP for the [SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund](#) grants.

Web Updates:

Red Hill Storage Facility – Added a new meeting agenda document to all six document pages in the [Red Hill Storage Facility website](#).

Tribal RTOC – Added new information and a graphic about the upcoming Summer RTOC session to the home page and linked a meeting survey on all meeting pages, added seven new documents to meetings pages and updated contact information on all site pages on the [Tribal RTOC website](#).

Tuba City NPDES Permit – Posted the public notice and fact sheet for the Tuba City draft permit to the [NPDES Draft Permits page](#).

Brownfields – Posted new Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Fact Sheets to the [Brownfields and Land Revitalization in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii page](#).

Online Updates:

New Faces – Posted the latest edition of [New Faces](#), profiling new people in Enforcement, Land, ORC and Superfund.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee - FY 2017 President's Budget – You can watch an “archived” webcast of the hearing held today with EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and acting EPA Chief Financial Officer David Bloom as witnesses.
<http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=FE189FF7-93E6-4580-A8AB-5320210F6B34>

Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ-1): Brent Maier received a call from Ken Montoya, Legislative Director for Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick who wanted to give our office a heads-up that the Senate Indian Affairs Committee has extended an invite to Congresswoman Kirkpatrick to testify at the Field Hearing on Friday and she has agreed to testify and will be there in Phoenix on Friday.

Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA-27): A call was held today with Becky Cheng, District Director and Sonali Desai, Legislative Director in the Office of Congresswoman Judy Chu with Water Division colleagues, Bruce Macler and Jamelya Curtis to update their office on the current status and lack of progress on a U.S. EPA fiscal year 2010 Special Appropriations Act Project grant to the City of South Pasadena for the now named "Graves Reservoir replacement project". Following our call, we provided copies of correspondence that EPA sent to the City of South Pasadena and some additional information requested during our call.

Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32): Water Division's Doug Eberhardt provided responses to questions raised to OCIR's Cathy Davis from Joe Sheehy, Legislative Director for the Congresswoman related to "dedicated funding sources" and SRF. Cathy Davis will be following up with Joe Sheehy to share responses developed by Region IX to his incoming questions.

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ): Brent Maier provided an e-mail response to Nick Matiella in the Senator's DC Office who had asked previously asked us to provide him with an answer to how many abandoned uranium mines on the Navajo Nation have been identified as government sites vs private vs unknown PRPs. Our office provided the following: EPA has identified Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) at 85 uranium mine sites on the Navajo Nation. We are in negotiations with another private party who may be responsible for up to 75 mines on the Navajo Nation, which would bring the total number of mines with PRPs identified to approximately 160; under a settlement between the U.S. government and the Navajo Nation, 16 additional mines will be addressed; and we continue to do research to identify additional responsible parties for the remaining approximately 350 abandoned uranium mines on and near the Navajo Nation.

Congressional Outreach on Tuba City Dump Factsheet: Brent Maier shared a PDF copy of our April 2016 Tuba City Dump factsheet entitled, "Environmental Investigation at the Dump Completed - Evaluation of Potential Cleanup Actions Begins" with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick. This fact sheet provides a summary of results of the environmental investigation at the Tuba City Dump (TCD), and information on possible cleanup actions for the TCD.

Congressional Outreach on PEYA Awards: Brent Maier shared copies of our press releases announcing this year's Region IX PEYA award winners in Cupertino and Manhattan Beach with Congressional staff in the offices of Senator's Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and Representatives Mike Honda and Ted Lieu.

U.S. EPA Quarterly Associations Meeting: Mark W. Rupp, Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations led today's Quarterly National Associations Outreach Meeting/Call. This meeting focused on two areas: EJ2020 – Speakers included: Charles Lee, Deputy Associate Administrator for Environmental Justice, U.S. EPA; Carolyn Hanson, Deputy Director, Environmental Council of the States (ECOS); and Dr. Hector Gonzalez, Director, City of Laredo Health Department and Chairman, Environmental Justice Workgroup, U.S. EPA Local Government Advisory Committee; and Water Infrastructure Financing – Speakers included: Jim Gebhardt, Director, Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center, U.S. EPA Office of Water; and Elizabeth Corr, Deputy Director, Drinking Water Protection Division, Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water, U.S. EPA Office of Water. A phone line was available for those unable to participate in person.

California State Senate Action on Exide: The California Senate gave final approval Monday to Gov. Jerry Brown's request for \$177 million in emergency funding to speed up the cleanup of lead around the former Exide battery recycling plant in Vernon. Once Brown signs the legislation, the money will immediately become available. It will be used to finish testing soil for lead at up to 10,000 properties in a 1.7 mile radius around the facility and to clean up around 2,500 of the most contaminated properties over a three-year period. The effort will be subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA. The agency overseeing the cleanup – The Department of Toxic Substances Control - says following the CEQA process will delay the start of the expanded cleanup until spring 2017. The funding bills include provisions for testing and cleanup, job training for cleanup crews and a requirement that the state try to recover the costs from Exide and other responsible parties. The money is a loan from the state's general fund.

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2016/04/18/59736/state-senate-approves-177-million-for-exide-cleanu/>

Upcoming Congressional and EPA FY2017 Budget Hearing Schedule:

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 – House Appropriations Committee - The Committee has scheduled a full Committee markup of its FY17 energy and water spending bill, which includes funding and policy measures for the Army Corps of Engineers' water regulatory program. The bill approved by a subcommittee vote April 13 includes three policy riders

affecting implementation of water policies, most prominently barring implementation of the joint EPA-Corps rule defining the reach of the Clean Water Act (CWA). 10:30am ET. 2359 Rayburn House Office Building.

<http://appropriations.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=394494>

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 - Senate Appropriations Interior Subcommittee - FY 2017 President's Budget - Hearing in 124 Dirksen Senate Office Building – **EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and acting EPA Chief Financial Officer David Bloom** will be the witnesses. 10:00am ET. 124 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

<http://www.appropriations.senate.gov/hearings/hearing-to-review-the-fy17-environmental-protection-agency-budget-request>

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – Senate Environment and Public Works Committee – Hearing entitled, “New Approaches and Innovative Technologies to Improve Water Supply”. Witnesses include: Denis R. Bilodeau, P.E., First Vice President & Director, Board of Directors, Orange County Water District; James Dalton , Chief, Engineering and Construction, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Kevin Price, Senior Science & Technology Advisor, Middle East Desalination Research Center. 10:00am ET. 406 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

<http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=E66B542F-0585-4454-A9CA-06ABAE43367A>

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – Senate Homeland Security & Government Affairs Committee: Hearing to be held on Administrative State: An Examination of Federal Rulemaking. <http://www.hsgac.senate.gov/hearings/the-administrative-state-an-examination-of-federal-rulemaking>

Thursday, April 21, 2016 - House Energy and Commerce Committee: The House Energy and Commerce Committee's panel on energy and the environment is holding an April 21st hearing on EPA's Brownfields redevelopment program. A measure to reauthorize and expand the program is part of a bipartisan energy bill, S. 2012, expected to receive a floor vote in the upper chamber soon. 10:00am ET. 2123 Rayburn House Office Building. Mathy Stanislaus will be the witness for EPA.

<http://docs.house.gov/Committee/Calendar/ByEvent.aspx?EventID=104837>

Upcoming Intergovernmental HQ Meetings:

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 - EPA HQ to Meet with Fresno Council of Governments:

On Wednesday, April 20th, EPA HQ will meet with members of the Fresno Council of Governments to discuss ongoing drought conditions and the impact of these conditions on Clean Air quality in the California Central Valley. According to council officials, many of their communities struggle with public health issues such as asthma. They are seeking both short and long-term solutions in dealing with the drought and climate change more broadly, and interested in any EPA resources and partnerships to support their efforts. The Office of Air and Radiation will join OIR and Region IX (by telephone) for the discussion and dialogue. Approximately 25 local elected officials and community partners are expected. In addition to Fresno, other cities represented include Clovis, Orange Cove, Fowler, and Parlier. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon

Thursday, April 21, 2016 - EPA HQ to Meet with Lake Elsinore, CA Officials:

On Thursday, April 21st, EPA will meet with Mayor Brian Tisdale and City Manager Grant Yates to discuss federal assistance to improve Lake Elsinore. The Lake is a 3000 acre lake in Southern California. According to local officials, the lake has need of sediment/silt removal, as well as aeration and wetland development. There is a problem with high level of phosphorous in the lake and sediment. Region IX will participate in the meeting by telephone. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 - EPA HQ to Meet with Oxnard, CA Local Officials:

On Tuesday, April 26th, the Office of Superfund Remediation & Technology Innovation (OLEM), will join OIR and Region IX (by telephone) in a meeting with Councilman Bryan MacDonald and Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long regarding the Halaco Superfund Site clean-up project. These officials share Mayor Pro-Tem Carmen Ramirez's support for the project and appreciation for the productive partnership with EPA. Mayor Ramirez met with EPA headquarters last month to express her appreciation and hear updates on progress from Region IX. She appreciates that EPA will meet with the councilman and the County Supervisor while they are in Washington, DC. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon

